

Texas Representative Roberto R. Alonzo's



Capitol Report



**TxDOT ANNOUNCES ROAD PROJECTS FOR 2015;
3 Road/Highway Projects in House District 104
TAKES COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC**

~ New construction, maintenance projects to be paid for with recently approved Prop. 1 funding ~
PUBLIC COMMENT WILL BE TAKEN JAN 23 - FEB 23

The Texas Department of Transportation conducted a public meeting Tuesday, January 20, to begin collecting feedback on an initial group of [201 road projects](#) the agency is set to tackle across the state. The new construction and maintenance projects will be funded in part using [Proposition 1](#) dollars approved by Texas voters last November 2014, a measure I endorsed. Of those 201 projects, three are either in or will impact House District 104:

Project ID	Highway	District	County	From Limit	To Limit	Description	Construction Cost	Total Score
106804122	IH 30	Dallas	Dallas	BELTLINE ROAD	MAC ARTHUR BLVD.	CONSTRUCT THREE LANE FRONTAGE ROADS	\$13,410,471	97
058102143	SL 12	Dallas	Dallas	ILLINOIS AVENUE	IH 35E	FULL DEPTH REPAIR CONCRETE PAVEMENT	\$1,469,240	89
300001023	SS 408	Dallas	Dallas	IH 20	LOOP 12	FULL DEPTH REPAIR CONCRETE PAVEMENT, OVERLAY AND PAVEMENT	\$3,827,030	91

According to TxDOT Executive Director, LtGen Joe Weber, USMC (Ret).: "The overwhelming support for the proposition by Texas voters is a clear message that transportation is an essential priority for our citizens. Now the work begins. We've been coordinating with locally-elected officials and local planning organizations to identify project priorities."

The purpose of Tuesday's meeting was to explain to the public how the agency and local metropolitan planning organizations identified potential projects to include in the 2015 Unified Transportation Program (UTP) – the agency's plan for project development over the next 10 years – and seek their input and comments on these proposed projects. The proposed new projects will be funded over the next 12 months. The agency will continue to accept formal public comments regarding the proposed UTP updates from Jan. 23 to Feb. 23. Comments may be submitted via email to TPP_UTP@txdot.gov; by phone at (800) 687-8108; or by mail to Texas Department of Transportation, attention: James Koch - UTP, P.O. Box 149217, Austin, TX 78714-9217. Later this month, the Texas Transportation Commission will be presented a draft group of projects for consideration, and then will vote on its approval in February.

More about Prop. 1 Funding Disbursement

In December, the Texas Comptroller certified that \$1.74 billion would be available for transportation in 2015. With approval from the Legislature, TxDOT will distribute the funds in this manner:

- 40 percent to metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs) to address congestion;
- 30 percent to TxDOT districts to address connectivity;
- 15 percent to TxDOT districts to address maintenance needs; and
- 15 percent to TxDOT districts for roads in the energy sector.

Have any Ideas for Potential Legislation to File for the 84th Regular Session?

Do you have any ideas for potential legislation to consider filing for the 84th Regular Session? If so, you can always contact my office by telephone, fax or e-mail by visiting my House website at <http://www.house.state.tx.us/members/member-page/email/?district=104&session=83> and express those ideas. Many times, legislation that is authored and filed is drawn from input that lawmakers like myself receive from constituents, groups and organizations. You may also contact my legislative offices in Dallas (214-942-7104) or Austin (512-463-0408). I look forward to hearing from you.